

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2006

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS ARE RECORDED ELECTRONICALLY OR STENOGRAPHICALLY AND ARE AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES.

Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:43 p.m. The meeting was held in Conference Room 100B at the Indiana University Research Park at 501 North Morton Street in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Sam Vaught, Jeff Ehman, Susan Sandberg, Julie Roberts, John Whikehart and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Mike Trexler, Mike Bengtson, Patrick Stoffers, Tom Staley and Mike Hicks. Others present: Mark Menefee representing IU, Margaret Fette representing the Libertarian Party, Ben Beard representing Gentry Estates.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER VAUGHT MOVED AND BOARD MEMBER EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2006, MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES, 1 MEMBER ABSENT, (HENKE).

CLAIMS

BOARDMEMBER VAUGHT MOVED AND BOARDMEMBER EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

CLAIMS 0690351 THROUGH 0690412 INCLUDING \$99,184.59 FROM THE WATER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND AND \$1,300.00 FOR WATER HYDRANT METER RENTAL FOR A TOTAL OF \$100,484.59 FROM THE WATER UTILITY; CLAIMS 0630204 THROUGH 0630250 INCLUDING \$90,610.17 FROM THE WASTEWATER OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND AND \$145,569.13 FROM THE WASTEWATER SINKING FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$236,179.30 FROM THE WASTEWATER UTILITY; AND CLAIM 067016 FOR A TOTAL OF \$274.61 FROM THE WASTEWATER/ STORMWATER UTILITY. TOTAL CLAIMS APPROVED – \$336,938.50.

Board member Ehman asked about claims for refunds to customers some of which are quite large. Budget analyst Trexler explained that a new process has been put in place to verify and authorize customer refunds. He explained that most of the refunds occur because a customer has overpaid.

Board President Swafford asked about claim 00630207 which is for a 55 gallon drum of weed killer. Deputy Director John Langley said that the weed killer is used for fence lines at the plants. He said that it works very well and is environmentally benign because it deactivates after it combines with water. Mr. Swafford then asked about claim 00630211 for a lease payment for the Dillman WWTP Energy Savings Contract. He wanted to know if it had been budgeted for. Mr. Trexler replied that it had been. Mr. Swafford asked next about claim 0630225 for lab analysis on groundwater monitor well samples. Mr. Langley said that it was due to required semi-annual monitoring of the Dillman Road Sludge monofill. Mr. Swafford pointed out that there had been a purchase of diesel fuel which was considerably cheaper per gallon than the weed killer. Mr. Langley mentioned that the weed killer is a concentrate that gets mixed with water.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES, 1 MEMBER ABSENT, (HENKE).

WIRE TRANSFERS AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2006:

VAUGHT MOVED AND EHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE WIRE TRANSFERS AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$545,176.64.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 AYES. 1 MEMBER ABSENT (HENKE).

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Deputy Director Langley reported that the Pretreatment Ordinance and the Enforcement Response Plan that was submitted as a part of the new NPDES permit for the Dillman Road facility has been approved by the EPA.. Some changes in the ordinance were drafted that will soon come to the USB for approval and will then go to the City Council.

Finance manager Stoffers said that since 2004 the Finance Department has been tracking overtime versus the budget. He provided the USB with overtime information for the first 6 pay periods in 2006.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Board member Mayer commented on the work the crews did during several severe wet weather events in the preceding week. He had also driven past Dillman Road WWTP and had noted that the new retention pond was in full operation and working well.

Deputy Director Langley said that in that sort of situation it would be nice to have two more retention ponds but since they cost about 4 million dollars each and are only occasionally used that would be inefficient. He also pointed out that the plant personnel are very well trained to handle these events. Mr. Langley believes that every drop of water that went through the plant got treated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President